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DEATH.

The Rev. G. W. GREENE, D.D., one of the
oldest members of the Baptist Mission, Canton,
and one much beloved both by Chinese and
Americans, passed quietly away to his Eternal
Home on Sunday last, the 17th December, at
noon. He was taken suddenly with apoplexy.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1911.

With the return of SUN YAT SEN to China we presume the public will soon be informed of the precise character of the constitution contemplated by the Revolutionary leaders. The question appears to have been under discussion for a month past at Shanghai by a conference representing the whole of the provinces which have declared their independence of Manchu rule, and the delay in reaching a definite result, or at least in making the decision public, suggests either that there is no unanimity of opinion on the question, or that it has been deemed advisable to await the outcome of the negotiations which are now in progress between the Revolutionaries and Imperialists. SUN YAT SEN, who reached Hongkong yesterday, is proceeding to Shanghai, and as it is due to his initiative and organising ability that the Revolutionaries owe so much of their success, his presence in Shanghai will probably be welcomed by Dr. WU TING FANG, who has been selected by the Revolutionary provinces to discuss terms with TANG SHAO YI, the Premier's representative. While the demands of the two parties appear in one or two important respects to be absolutely irreconcilable, the fact that the Legations, with the authority of

their respective Governments, have, through the Consuls, sent a message to the Conference urging the importance of a friendly settlement in the interests of China herself and the interests which Foreigners have in the country, will doubtless do much to promote this desired result. Possibly a good deal will turn upon the precise nature of the governmental organisation which the Republicans wish to substitute for that which they have discarded. We have been accustomed to read that the United States system is generally accepted as the model; but we note that when the provincial delegates assembled at Shanghai last month were putting their ideas into definite shape there was a strong disposition to favour the Swiss system, it is as much as the institution of a small Executive Council would evade the difficulty felt of finding a suitable man for the Presidency. This would more nearly approach the conditions already established by the Edict of the EMPEROR-DOWAGER accepting Prince CHEN's resignation of the Regency. By that Edict issued on the 8th inst. the responsible duties in connection with official appointments, political administration, etc., were entrusted to the Premier and the Ministers of State, with the simple limitation that the Decrees for promulgation shall be stamped with the Imperial Seal and that the EMPEROR-DOWAGER shall accompany the EMPEROR on the occasions of ceremonial audiences. Thus a limited monarchy has already been established, and if the Provincial Assemblies are given control over the appointment of this Executive Council of State, a *modus vivendi* is offered which in all probability would prove acceptable to the bulk of the people. But it is one to which the stoutest opposition could only be expected from the Revolutionary leaders, and it is surprising to learn from the telegraphic news we publish this morning that TANG SHAO YI was unprepared for it. A deadlock has been reached, because Dr. WU TING FANG insists that the establishment of a Republic is the only basis of a settlement, and the reply which the representative of the Revolutionaries has returned to the "unofficial" representations made by the Consuls-General of the Powers shows that there is very little hope of a speedy settlement unless the Imperialists yield on all points.

Bishop Pozzoni will preside this afternoon at the annual distribution of prizes at St. Mary's School, Kowloon.

Mr. C. L. McMeekin, Postmaster-General, returned to the Colony from leave yesterday by the P. and O. steamer *Devanah*.

The concert given by Kovarik in the Theatre last night was well attended and his performance was greeted with unstinted applause. Owing to pressure on our space the report of the concert is held over until to-morrow.

For stealing a dozen tennis balls, the property of Mr. H. R. Phillips, a native was yesterday at the Magistracy sentenced to three months' imprisonment and four hours strokes.

A man having in his possession two Revolutionary badges was yesterday fined \$50 by Mr. Irving and ordered to be given 12 strokes with the "cat" for inciting the crowd to attack a constable at Yau-mai. The constable made an arrest, a crowd gathered and defendant shouted to the onlookers to strike the constable.

The news that the P. and O. Co. has fallen into line with leading steamship companies in allowing their ship surgeons to charge reasonable fees for the treatment of first and second cabin passengers should excite no applause. Owing to pressure on our space the prerogative has been taken to provide that the fees charged shall be reasonable, and on this point the captain, to whom the bills are to be submitted, is to be the judge.

His Serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck and Her Royal Highness the Princess and their suites left Singapore by the P. and O. steamer *Assaye* last week on their way home from Bangkok. Their departure was signalled shortly after eight o'clock by a salute of guns from Fort Canning, while a guard of honour of the Buffs was drawn up on Johnston's Pier, where the Royal party boarded the launch that took them to the mailboat. A number of the civil and military dignitaries of the Colony were also present to bid them farewell. On the same steamer is also the Danish prince.

H. M. S. INDOMITABLE.

The battle cruiser *Indomitable* is being brought forward for a big overhaul and general refit at Chatham, which is her port of commissioning and manning. Under ordinary circumstances, says a naval correspondent, ships of her class have a most exhaustive refit every four years, and as she has been only three and a half years flying the pennant it is taken for granted that the rumour that she is to be the flagship in the Far East is correct. As the surveys are now at work upon her to make her report as to the approximate amount her refit will cost, it is anticipated that the refit will run through till the latter end of January. The commission of the *Indomitable*, flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., commanding the China Squadron, will expire on January 4th next.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE REVOLUTION.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Tokyo, December 21st.

It is officially stated that the representatives of the Powers at Peking instructed their Consuls at Shanghai to serve the Peace Envoys with a Note, which was presented on Wednesday.

The burden of the Note was that the rebellion was a deplorable event, not only to China, but to the Powers, endangering the lives and property of foreigners. Although the Powers in future would maintain a strict neutrality they desired to draw the attention of the Envoys to the fact that the cessation of hostilities and the restoration of peace was most desirable.

["THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY."]

A DEADLOCK.

WU TING FANG'S REPLY TO THE
CONSULAR MESSAGE.

Shanghai telegrams state that a deadlock has been reached at the Peace Conference owing to Wu Ting Fang maintaining that a Republic is the only basis of settlement.

Tang Shao-Yi, the Imperial Delegate, replied that he must refer such an extremely important question to Peking.

The armistice has consequently been prolonged for a week.

The Consuls-General of the Powers have made unofficial representations to the Imperial and Rebel representa-

tives urging a speedy understanding in the interests of all concerned.

Wu Ting Fang has replied that a hasty peace is not in accordance with the wishes of the people and would probably lead to a more serious outbreak.

AMERICAN TARIFF.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

LONDON, December 21st.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that President Taft recommends to Congress material reductions in the wool schedules, but refrains from proposing specific rates.

LATER.

President Taft in a Message to Congress on the Report of the Tariff Board dealing with the wool schedule urges immediate revision in the direction of reductions, for which, he says, there is ample reason, particularly as regards raw wool. He recommends that the Board be made permanent in order that it may treat each schedule of the tariff like the wool schedule.

The Message is expected to lead to the greatest political battle of the Session.

FRANCO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

LONDON, December 21st.

The French Chamber of Deputies has approved of the Morocco agreement by 393 votes to 36.

LATER.

A Paris telegram states that several Deputies of constituencies on the Eastern frontier abstained from the division on the agreement on the ground that they did not wish to subscribe to a Franco-German rapprochement.

THE CRICKET TEST MATCH.

LONDON, December 21st.

The hot weather was probably responsible for a small attendance at the match yesterday. The wicket is showing signs of wear.

The English XI, compiled 291. Hordern took 7 wickets for 90 runs.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Princess Royal and Family have embarked at Gibraltar on the P. & O. *Macedonia* for Egypt.

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A DISTINGUISHED REFUGEE

TOKYO, December 21st.

The former Viceroy of Canton has arrived at Koba.

["THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY."]

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 21st.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague states that the Opium Conference has commenced a discussion on the draft of the International Convention which is to be submitted to the Powers for their ratification.

SALES OF OPIUM.

LONDON, December 21st.

At the 1912 opium sales 19,840 chests will be offered, 8,830 being from Patna and 11,010 from Gwalior, of which 6,700 will be certificated for export to China. The figures show the effect that is being given to the agreement with China.

STRIKES AT DUNDEE.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

LONDON, December 21st.

The situation at Dundee is critical. Many factories, owing to lack of fuel, have closed. It is estimated that twenty thousand mill hands are idle as a consequence of the strike of carters and dockers. The strikers held up two lorries, one of which was unharnessed and thrown into the docks. A procession of two thousand men paraded the streets, and the police have been further reinforced.

LATER.

The situation at Dundee is quieter. The strikers announce the prospect of a settlement to-morrow.

SCOTCH AND WELSH LABOUR UNREST.

LONDON, December 21st.

Labour unrest threatens to mar Christmas in the Scottish and Welsh coalfields, where a minimum wage is demanded, and also in North-east Lancashire, owing to the unionists objecting to work in the same cotton mills with non-unionists.

COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.

LONDON, December 21st.

The first shot in the Lancashire labour struggle was fired at Accrington yesterday when a mill stopped owing to the refusal of the hands to work with two non-unionists. The Employer's Association meets to-morrow to consider the situation. The lock-out of 100,000 operatives is expected.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.

A Washington telegram states that the House endorsed President Taft's abrogation of the Russian Treaty with only one dissentient.

BIGGEST NAVAL GUN.

LONDON, December 21st.

It is announced that Krupp are manufacturing a 15 inch naval gun, the most powerful in existence.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.

Reuter's Teheran correspondent wires that the Mejlis has adopted the proposal of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to appoint a commission of five deputies with plenary powers to deal with the Russian ultimatum.

TURKISH POLITICS.

LONDON, December 21st.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople cables that the proposal of the Government to modify the Constitution and give the Sultan unrestricted power to dissolve Parliament led to the most furious debate in Turkish parliamentary history and developed a violent Opposition onslaught on the Government and on the party of progress. The position of the Government is seriously jeopardised.

The Minister for War appealed for concord, stating that otherwise Turkey would share the fate of Morocco and Persia. Efforts are being made to form a coalition Government.

OBITUARIES.

LONDON, December 21st.

The death is announced of Sir James Inglis, the well-known engineer.

The death has occurred of William McGregor, the founder of the Football League.

TELEGRAMS.

["THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY."]

CHILLO-JAPANESE TRADE.

LONDON, December 21st.

Telegrams from Santiago state that the Chilean Commissioner appointed to study the Chilo-Japanese trade recommends an arrangement whereby low-priced necessities should be imported from Japan in return for the exportation of nitrates.

GERMAN CONSUL AT MOMBASSA.

LONDON, December 21st.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin wires that the estimates provide for the appointment of a salaried Consul at Mombassa.

ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT IN PERSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Teheran correspondent of *The Times* states that the anti-British boycott at Shiraz is over. The sowers have obtained supplies at the bazaar which previously refused them.

BANK CLERK CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

\$23,000 INVOLVED.

At the Magistracy yesterday the hearing was commenced of the charges of forgery brought against Sany Kasrak Abdoel, a young clerk formerly in the employ of the International Bank. Mr. F. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. P. W. Goldring defended. The charges of forgery were amended and added to, while charges of falsification were also added, the total number of counts being sixteen. Defendant pleaded not guilty on all counts.

Mr. Hodgson opened the case. He said—The charges on which the Crown now intend to proceed are that (1) between July 31st and November 11th the defendant forged eight cheques to the extent of \$6,000 in the name of Li Po Chun; that between November 1st and November 10th he forged four cheques to the extent of \$17,000 in the name of Lau Cheong Wan; (2) that between the dates mentioned he obtained monies intended to defraud the International Banking Corporation to the extent of \$23,000 upon the forged cheques; and (3) that on various dates between July 31st and November 11th he falsified the books of the Bank in respect of the monies received and other sums. These were very serious charges, charges punishable with life. I reiterate any statement that is made or that may be made that the defendant is the dupe of somebody else in this case. It may be that there were others who were eventually to benefit by these criminal acts, but when I have unfolded the extraordinary scheme and the clever acts perpetrated by the defendant in this case, I am sure your Worship will agree that he alone was responsible for these falsifications and for the forged cheques in respect of which he is charged. Proceeding, Mr. Hodgson stated that it would be necessary for him to refer to several accounts in the Bank's ledgers. The first was that of Li Po Chun, the second that of Au Ching Hing, the third that of the Communication Bank, and the fourth that of Man Cheung Yuen. He would also, of course, have to refer to the account of Lau Cheong Wan in connection with the other forged cheques. Dealing with the forged cheques on Li Po Chun's account, which covered the first eight counts of the first charge, Mr. Hodgson said that in order to prove that the cheques were forged by the defendant it would be necessary to go rather lengthily into the very ingenious and carefully prepared scheme of the defendant's to cook the ledger by his entries and bogus additions. He would further deal later on with the enormous sum which passed through the hands of the defendant between August 1st and the time of his arrest and to the monies placed in the various banks of the Colony in the name of the defendant on current account and on deposit account. The first falsification made by the defendant in the passbook of Li Po Chun was on September 11th. He was not charged with that, but it would have to be dealt with in the evidence. Although all the forged cheques on Li's account amounting to \$5,000, passed through the various banks and were placed in the ledger to the debit of Li Po Chun, not one of them was mentioned in the passbook made up by the defendant later on. All the passbooks had to be initiated by a European officer of the Bank before being sent out to the customer, and these initials had also been forged. So it came to this—Li Po Chun's account in the passbook is returned to him correct according to his paying-in book and cheque book, but incorrect according to the Bank ledger. This deception would of course keep Li Po Chun at arm's length and leave the defendant free to deal with the Bank's ledger in cooking the account. So defendant at once set to work to cover the tracks by making a false entry by crediting Li Po Chun's account by \$5,000 on the 11th September in sums of \$2,000 and \$3,000, being the amounts he had drawn out by the forged cheques. Having credited one man with a sum of \$5,000, obviously he must debit somebody else if his ledger account was to be correct, because it must be borne in mind that the actual money on the forged cheques was drawn out of Li Po Chun's account and no corresponding money paid into the account when he re-credited the account, it being merely a book entry. On the arrest of the defendant, Sergeant Grant, under a search warrant, obtained various incriminating papers and matter in the defendant's house, which were looked up in the defendant's ledger. The defendant, the key of which was found upon the defendant, also got these papers and found a certain cheque drawn on a man called Au Ping Ching for \$5,000, the number of which was 107335. This was a perfectly genuine cheque which passed through the Bank in the ordinary way on the 9th of August, and the amount of course was debited to Au Ping Ching's account. The defendant had access to all old vouchers, and the only inference to be drawn was that he must have stolen the cheque to enable him to use it as would be shown he did use it. This amount having been debited quite properly on the 9th August, the defendant on the 14th September falsified the account of Au Ping Ching by debiting his account again with a sum of \$5,000, giving the same number of the cheque, looking it off in blue pencil to deceive any European officer. This made the ledger account entirely correct. The weekly balance of the ledger took place on the 15th September, and the only thing the defendant now needed to do was to keep Au Ping Ching at arm's

length so that he shall not know that the sum of \$5,000 had again been debited to his account on the cheque. Going back to Li Po Chun's account, Mr. Hodgson stated that on 14th September the defendant forged another cheque for \$650 on Li Po Chun's account and he was duly debited with the amount in the Bank's books. The cheque went through the Bank in the ordinary way, for no notification was necessary except to make a false entry of debit, because it would appear in the ledger that the money had gone through in the ordinary way. The account was less by \$650, and on the 21st September defendant did the same thing in \$1,000. The position now was this—Li Po Chun's account was \$1,000 less than it should be and Au Ping Ching's account was \$5,000 less than it should be; the ledger accounts were out of order. So long as Au Ping Ching and Li Po Chun were kept away from the Bank the matter would not be found out. Unfortunately for the defendant, Au Ping Ching did come across his path on the 18th September, when he presented a cheque for payment on his own account, and with the account less by \$5,000 than it should have been the cheque would have been dishonoured, because the cheque exceeded the balance on the proper balance, but the balance purported to be correct. But this did not bother the defendant at all; he promptly made a book entry crediting Au Ping Ching with \$5,000. That made the account right again, but left defendant \$5,000 in his ledger account if the balance of the ledger were to be taken. All these falsifications so far had been done in one ledger, Ledger "A," and he got out of his difficulty by forging \$5,000 out to turn out to Ledger "B" and he debited the account of the Communication Bank with \$5,000, making the number of the cheque 109855. That would put the ledgers right, but leave the Communication Bank with \$5,000 less than they should have. With regard to the number of the cheque, the Communication Bank had drawn on their numbers 109850 and 109870, but the cheque 109856 had never passed through the Bank account at all, having been drawn by the Communication Bank and cancelled before being presented for payment. The defendant was very quick to notice that this cheque had never come to hand, so he used this number to enable him to cover his false entry of \$5,000 and ticked it off in blue pencil as if passed by a European officer. It then suddenly occurred to the defendant that the balances were shortly coming out and that as the ledgers had to be balanced separately he would have to balance the ledger "B" and \$5,000 too much in Ledger "A." So on the 21st Sept. he again made a false entry in both ledgers. In ledger "B" he credited the Communication Bank with \$5,000, and in Ledger "A" he again debited Au Ping Ching with \$5,000, giving the same old number to the cheque. The ledger accounts were now in order, but Au Ping Ching's account was again less by \$5,000 than it should be. On Sept. 23rd, Au Ping Ching presented a cheque for \$24,000 for payment, and as his debit account was only \$5,000 more than it should be, his balance on that date was only \$19,250. So his cheque for \$24,000 could not be met. In order to get over this difficulty the defendant made a further false entry, refunding the sum of \$5,000 to Au Ping Ching's credit. That closed the account as far as the prosecution were concerned, for it was again in order. With seven days to go before the balances were to be taken, the defendant had time to look around. He decided that he had the fact that the position now was that the was now \$6,000 too much in the ledger accounts of the Bank, and to get over this difficulty the defendant turned to the account of a man named Man Cheung Yuen and turned a genuine entry on the debit side of \$20,000 into one of \$25,000 by adding a stroke to the third nought. This in order the 7th October, Man Cheung Yuen presented a cheque for payment which was decidedly awkward for the defendant, so the defendant promptly made another false entry which settled the account and left him again \$6,000 out in his ledger account. Mr. Hodgson referred to the forgery of cheques amounting to \$17,000 on Lau Cheong Wan's account, and stated that these were only detected by Lau presenting a cheque which did not come through the hands of the defendant. The Bank dishonoured the cheque, Lau approached the Bank and denied that he had drawn the cheque which had been forged, and he stated that the signature was not his. Mr. Hodgson said he would produce a number of unused cheques and imitations of stamps which had been found at the defendant's house, and he would show that the defendant, though only getting \$20 a month, had between 31st July, and November 11th paid into various Banks in the Colony sums amounting to \$20,000, in one Bank the Banco-Astia Bank, under the name of A. R. Stephens; the same initials as his own. Evidently he was endeavouring to feather his nest in another name with a view to departing from the Colony. Mr. Hodgson said he would show that it was the most daring, clever and ingenious swindle that had ever come before the Court.

Evidence was called, and the case was adjourned.

THE LONDON MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

The London Musical Comedy Co. is announced to open at the Theatre Royal on Thursday, December 28th, for four nights only. This clever combination of talented artists commenced their Eastern Tour at the Grand Opera House, Calcutta, on November 30th, and scored an immediate success, the Theatre being crowded nightly by an appreciative and enthusiastic audience. *The Englishman* says: "It is difficult to recall the name of any company of entertainers, with a repertoire similar to that of the London Musical Comedy Co., and the applause that punctuated the performance throughout and the frequent encorees showed convincingly that it had scored a distinct success on its opening night in Calcutta." *The Statesman* pronounced the performance as "very good and well received by a large audience."

The Indian Daily News said: "This clever and wonderfully versatile Company is well worth a visit, and one can indubitably say it is one of the best entertainments that has visited Calcutta." The members are all well-known London artists—Mr. Maurice Head, tenor; Mr. Charles Armstrong, light comedian; Miss Nellie Moore and Miss Jack Martyn, light comedy artists; Miss Gladys Coppin, contralto vocalist; Mr. Percival Macdonald, art humorist; Mr. Harry Quinlan, through, monologue artist; Mr. Norton Greenwood, solo pianist; and Miss Gwendoline Beardon, impersonator. The Company is beautifully dressed and well staged. As the London Musical Comedy Co. appear for four nights only, those wishing to secure good seats would do well to book early to avoid being disappointed. The plans are at the Robinson Piano Co.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday at the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—
His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick John DRAKE, M.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

Hon. Mr. C. CLEMENTI (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX (Registrar-General).
Hon. Captain F. J. BARKLEY (Captain-Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. W. Y. YU, C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.
Hon. Mr. C. H. ROSS.
Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Mr. R. H. CROFTON (Clerk of Councils).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes No. 102 to 110, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 22) and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Public Works Committee, No. 4.

THE BADGE OF THE COLONY.
The Colonial Secretary, Sir, I beg to lay upon the table for the inspection of honorable members a drawing of the present badge of this Colony. It is a somewhat elaborate picture intended apparently to represent Hongkong harbour and to symbolize the good-will existing between the British and Chinese colonies. Beneath a green sky—the like of which I have never seen in Hongkong—stands in the background a greenish-grey row of hills, and upon the top of the highest hill is a flag-staff. Presumably this represents the Peak; but then to the westward of it are three more hill-tops almost equally lofty, which certainly have no counterpart in Hongkong island. Victoria City is represented by four white-washed houses at sea-level. Then comes a sheet of water intended to represent the harbour, though it looks more like a river. Afloat in the stream is a sailing ship flying the white ensign but of a type unknown in the annals of His Majesty's Navy. On board her are three sailors with brick-red faces and peculiar greenish-brown clothes and hats. To the right of this vessel is a Chinese junk under sail, manned by a crew of eight persons also with brick-red in face and greenish-brown in costume. In the foreground is a yellow beach—Tsim-sha-tai, I suppose; and at the water's edge are six chests—perhaps the ill-disposed would say opium chests—the tops of which are painted red and the two other visible sides black and blue respectively. In front of the chests, shaking hands over a bargain, are a Chinese and a European—the former dressed in yellow and green, the latter in yellow trousers and a black swallow-tailed coat of eccentric cut stiffening out behind into two points of a darker black. The European is shaking hands with his left hand and the Chinese with his right. At the side stands another European who has presumably lost the bargain and therefore looks sadder at the other two. He is in the same remarkable costume as his more successful competitor. I may add that the artist—who has preferred to remain anonymous—is grossly ignorant of the laws of perspective and indeed violates every canon of art, European or Oriental. I think therefore that hon. members cannot but agree that this drawing is an offence not only against art but also against the Colony and should no longer be tolerated as our badge. There is, moreover, the further objection that a picture of such elaborate ugliness is difficult to reproduce and that, therefore, the copies made of it for various purposes rarely resemble each other. Thus the picture now laid on the table is different in many particulars from that in the seal of the Colony, which again differs from the reproduction on the notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; while the copies of this badge made by rule-of-thumb draughtsmen for insertion in the fly of the colonial flag are as various as they are hideous. I hope, then, that the Council will decide that it is high time to make a change in the direction of simplicity and to rid ourselves of a badge which does no credit to British artistic taste. The late Colonial Secretary suggested that a combination of the royal crown with the Chinese characters for Hongkong would form a simple and effective badge, and working upon this idea Mr. Gale of the P.W.D. has submitted the design which I now lay on the table. It is, I think, both simple and artistic. The British royal crown in this design is placed above a white shield on which the two Chinese words "Hong Kong" are inscribed in red seal characters. Such a design can be readily and exactly reproduced, it symbolizes the dominion of the British crown over a Colony in China, and it is both distinctive and decorative, contrasting very favourably with the unlovely series of badges collated in a volume published in 1910 for official use of the Flags, Badges and Arms of British Dominions beyond the seas. Your Excellency desires that the resolution, which I now beg to move as printed in the Orders of the Day, should not be put to the vote until the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday next; so that in the meantime the members of this Council as well as other residents in the Colony may examine the new badge at their leisure.

The resolution was as follows:
Resolved that the existing badge of the Colony is not only ineffectual, but it is unsuitable for reproduction especially on flags, etc., and resolved therefore that the design laid on the table, being both simpler and more artistic, be substituted therefor.

The Attorney-General seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

UNIVERSITY FURTHER AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.
The Attorney-General moved that the Council go into Committee on the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to further amend the University Ordinance, 1911."

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"This Bill has been amended and amplified since it was introduced in this Council. A new section, numbered 3, has been inserted with the object of making effective the provisions of subsection 2 of section 153 of the existing Ordinance. These provisions were the outcome of recommendations made by a Committee appointed in 1907 to consider and make suggestions for dealing with the cable question. Its members were the Colonial Treasurer, who was chairman, Messrs. E. A. Ram, E. Osborne, H. Keenick, Ho Kai, Wei Yik, the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Clark), and myself. The recommendations made by that Committee were as follows:—The Building Authority should have power by law to require that, in the case of domestic buildings erected on sites which were then vacant of which were occupied by domestic buildings of a European type or by any non-domestic building if intended for Chinese tenements, provision be made for the sub-division of each storey above the ground storey into rooms of a suitable area. The idea being to insist upon a proper provision of window spaces in such houses either laterally, or in such other manner as the architects may be able to devise. Now, Sir, that recommendation was incorporated in the Ordinance, but difficulty has arisen over the use of the words 'of a suitable area.' It appears that so long as the condition of the upper storeys is such that they would be habitable the requirements as to suitable area is fully met, and accordingly the Building Authority has practically no power in the matter. The areas of cubicles vary from about 50 square feet to 100 square feet, and it is proposed to adopt 100 square feet as the area of possible future rooms into which buildings may be sub-divided. Under the existing law 64 square feet is the minimum area permissible in the case of cubicles, and that, Sir, is the reason for the introduction of this amendment. Section 3 in the original print is now re-numbered as 4 in the new print, and the first portion of the section appearing in the original print as No. 4 now appears as clause (a) of the proviso which has been added to section 4 in the new print. The provisions of the proviso have been extended so as to make it applicable to the raising of existing buildings on corner sites, and words have been added to cover the case of a building which abuts on more than two streets. As it has been pointed out to me that the distance of 40 feet from the wider or widest is somewhat inadequate, I propose to move when in Committee that it be increased to 50 feet. The distance of 40 feet is taken from the London Building Act. A proviso (b) has been added to cover the case of buildings extending through from one street to another without being on corner lots. In regard to proviso (a) it is not intended that in cases where an owner provides a lane alongside his building purely for his own convenience or purposes, such building shall be dealt with as occupying a corner lot, but in cases where a private street has been constructed affording access to buildings which front or abut on it, a building situated at the junction of such private street with the public street would be treated as occupying a corner lot. In regard to proviso (b) it may be contended that the

intention is to regulate the height of buildings by the screening lanes in the rear of these, as such lanes come within the definition of the word 'street.' There is no such intention. As domestic buildings must have an open space in the rear, it follows that the cases in which they abut upon the screening lane which has now to be provided in the case of such buildings will be few. If, however, such cases occur, no attempt will be made to take advantage of it in determining the height of any building. The second portion of section 4 in the original print now becomes section 5. It has been amended by specifying that the wall on which the height of a building is to be measured is to be the one adjoining the street which regulates the height of such buildings, and that in the case of measuring the height on the opposite main wall, exception is to be made in the case of any such opposite main wall abutting upon a street. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 5 of the new print remain the same as subsections (2) and (3) of section 4 of the original print. With regard to subsection 2, it may be contended that very arbitrary powers are conferred on the Building Authority, but it must be borne in mind that under section 265 of the Ordinance no such powers are conferred on the Council. In the case of lots within the business and Chinese parts of the city, so long as an owner conforms to the building line of the street, in other words, the boundary of his lot or of any private street laid out, no question can arise as to how the height of his building is to be measured. There is, however, no obligation upon an owner to place his building on the bonny or on the left of a private street, and the Government have been advised that as the law now stands the provisions of the Ordinance are not applicable to buildings which do not abut upon a street. It is obvious that some control should be exercised in such cases and that it should not be possible for an owner to evade the provisions of the Ordinance by setting back his building to the extent of a foot or two from the building line or boundary of the street. It has been suggested to me that if an owner chooses to set back his building the width of the street should be ascertained by measuring up to his building and the height of his building should be determined accordingly. While there can be no objection to such an arrangement in cases where the whole of the property on one side of a street is in the same ownership, it would obviously be objectionable to apply it to the case of individual buildings. Not only would great irregularity in height be likely to result, but there would be direct encouragement to owners to depart from the building line whenever they could gain anything by doing so. Assuming, however, that such an arrangement were made, it would not cover all cases, nor is it possible to devise regulations which would cover all cases. Many buildings in the Hill district are remote from any road or street which could possibly be taken into account in determining their height, and the difference in width between the sites of the buildings and such road is so variable as to preclude any possibility of doing a relation between them. As regards the remaining sections of the Bill, they are entirely new. Section 6 makes provision for requiring architects to certify to the Building Authority that a building has been erected in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance. At the present time an architect merely reports on the building which may not be occupied until the Building Authority has certified that the building is erected in accordance with the provisions. We propose to reverse that process, and empower the Building Authority to issue a certificate on the certificate of the architect. Provision is made for the imposition of a fine of \$25 where the architect has been careless in the issue of his certificate, and where it is found that some discrepancy exists in the building and that it does not comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. Another section is aimed at stopping the practice of having a building erected in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance, and then to have certain plans passed employing another architect to submit the same plans or plans with little modification. It is desirable that when once a plan has been approved no architect should be allowed to submit a somewhat similar plan and all the correspondence and argument to be gone over again. Therefore it is proposed to impose a fine of \$25 where such is obviously the case. If the fine is considered too severe it can be modified. With these explanations I move that the Bill be read a second time.

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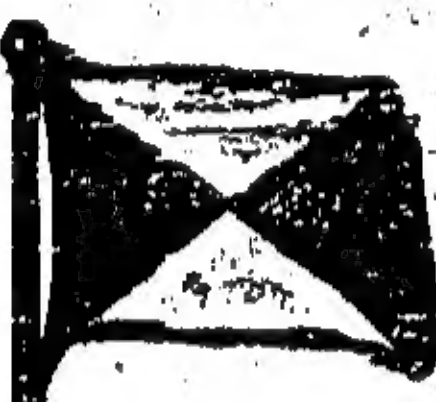
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SHIPPING IN PORT

STEAMERS	CLARA JESSEN, German str., 1,103. A. Uldrup, 20th Dec.—Hollow 13th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.	CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,204. Geo. De Mills, 11th Dec.—Wakamatsu 6th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	CHONGSHING, British str., 1,223. V. Liddell, 14th Dec.—Tientsin and Weihaiwei 8th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	CHICAGO MARU, Japanese str., 6,200. I. Goto, 18th Dec.—Tacoma 12th Nov., Flour and General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	CHIYUN, Chinese str., 1,177. Wm. Jamieson, 10th Dec.—Shanghai 7th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.	DEVAWONGSE, German str., 1,057. E. Gathe, 17th Dec.—Bangkok 5th and Anglin 9th Dec., Rice and Timber—Butterfield & Swire.	DORTMUND, German str., 5,235. G. Bold, 10th Dec.—Hamburg and Singapore 3rd Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.	DRUPAR, Norwegian str., 1,102. J. Bing, 19th Dec.—Hankok 8th and Swatow 18th Dec., General—Kia Tye Lung.	EMPIRE, British str., 2,343. St. John George, 20th Dec.—Sydney via ports 28th Nov., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	FRI, Norwegian str., 867. C. Wagle, 17th Dec.—Swatow 16th Dec., General—Aagaard, Thorsen & Co.	GERMANIA, German str., 620. Jensen, 20th Dec.—Karror 16th Dec., Copra—Siemssen & Co.	GLENFALLOCH, British str., 1,434. J. C. Towns, 17th Dec.—Singapore 10th Dec., General—Joo Tak Seng.	HELEN, German str., 771. Beadren, 16th Dec.—Swatow 15th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.	HONGKONG, French str., 739. A. Cornelissen, 10th Dec.—Haiphong 7th Dec., Rice—A. R. Marty.	HOPFANG, British str., 1,359. J. M. Hay, 17th Dec.—from Hainan—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	HSIN CHANG, Chinese str., 1,258. F. Humblin, 16th Dec.—Tientsin and Chofon 8th Dec., Nuts and General—C. M. S. N. Co.	HUTCHINSON, British str., 1,217. Hooker, 16th Dec.—Weihaiwei 10th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.	HUMAN, British str., 1,143. J. Speed, 13th Dec.—Tientsin and Swatow 12th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.	ICHANG, British str., 1,228. R. Lewis, 19th Dec.—Tientsin and Swatow 18th Dec., Nuts—Butterfield & Swire.	INDRA, British str., 1,375. A. S. Graham, 16th Dec.—Savang, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	KAIYUKU MARU, Japanese str., 1,903. S. Suda, 12th Dec.—Mororan 1st December, Coal—Order.	KALGAN, British str., 1,143. Davis, 17th Dec.—Wakamatsu 11th Dec., Coal—Butterfield & Swire.	KIRIN MARU, Japanese str., 2,561. M. Dognachi, 20th Dec.—Singapore 18th Dec., General and Cotton—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	KOTANG, British str., 4,395. R. C. D. Bradley, 19th Dec.—Moji 15th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	LOCHING, British str., 2,122. E. P. Smith, 19th Dec.—Singapore 12th Dec., General—David Sassoon & Co.	MARIE, German str., 1,169. H. Schlicker, 18th Dec.—Saigon 12th Dec., General—Jeb on & Co.	MONTAGLE, British str., 6,165. W. Devision, R.N.R., 20th Dec.—Shanghai 17th Dec.—C. P. R. Co.	NIKRO MARU, Japanese str., 3,439. M. Yagi, 20th Dec.—Yokohama 12th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3,452. A. G. Stevens, R.N.R., 12th Dec.—San Francisco 15th Nov., General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	ONKANG, British str., 1,737. Smith, 18th Dec.—Chingwantao 11th Dec., Coal—C. E. & M. Co.	PONTONG, German str., 978. W. Hofmahr, 10th Dec.—Singapore and Hollow 8th Dec.—Butterfield & Swire.	SABRE LUXEMBOURG, Dutch str., 573. D. E. Beuze, 14th Dec.—Amoy 13th Dec., Beans Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.	SEVERIC, British str., 4,011. F. S. Cowley, 15th Dec.—Victoria 13th Nov., General—Bank Line.	STEFANIA, German str., 3,544. B. Kolitz, 15th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., General—Hambro-Amerika Linie.	TAIKOSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,904. 17th Dec.—Moji 11th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	TAISHU, Chinese str., 1,216. R. G. Paramore, 17th Dec.—Shanghai 14th Dec., Mails and General—C. M. S. N. Co.	TATYAN, British str., 1,459. L. Dawson, 18th Dec.—Melbourne 17th Nov., Frozen and General—Butterfield & Swire.	TELEMACUS, British str., 1,340. Fraser, 16th Dec.—Saigon 10th Dec., General—W. Fat Sing.	TENYO MARU, Japanese str., 7,269. E. Bent, 19th Dec.—San Francisco 2nd November, Mails and General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.	TJIMAH, Dutch str., 2,740. J. P. Scholten, 12th Dec.—Batavia 3rd Dec.—Sugar and General—Java China Japan Lijn.	TRUMPH, German str., 769. W. Lungezwager, 18th Dec.—Haiphong and Hollow 17th Dec., Rice and General—Jensen & Co.	TSINTAU, German str., 1,002. F. Bucking, 13th Dec.—Hollo 14th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.	WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., 3,223. A. Nielsen, 20th Dec.—Bombay and Singapore 13th Dec., Cotton and General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	WUCHOW, British str., 1,217. W. French, 6th Dec.—Swatow 15th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.	YUENKANG, British str., 1,178. P. N. Rolfe, 19th Dec.—Manila 16th Dec., Hemp and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 21st at 12:05 p.m.—Pressure has increased at all stations, particularly over Japan and N. China. The depression lying over N. E. Japan yesterday is moving away over the Pacific. The anticyclonic area, central over the continent to the North of the Yangtze Valley, has spread towards S.E. and now covers W. Japan and the Loochoos. Strong monsoon will continue to prevail over the China coast and the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST. * Hongkong & Neighbourhood. Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong to a gale. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lameo ... Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... Same as No. 1.

* N.E. winds, strong; drizzling rain or mist.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

21st DECEMBER, A.M.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
Vladivostok	7 a.m.	30.58	62	—	NNW	0	b
Manchuria	6 a.m.	29.75	—	—	NNW	3	b
Hakodate	"	29.99	—	—	NNW	6	b
Tokio	"	31.14	—	—	NNW	1	b
Koshi	"	30.39	—	—	SW	1	b
Nagasaki	"	30.49	—	—	N	3	b
Kagoshima	"	30.47	—	—	N	1	b
Oshima	"	30.40	—	—	N	1	b
Naha	"	30.32	—	—	NNW	2	b
Ishijima	"	30.25	—	—	N	2	b
Bonin Is.	"	30.24	—	—	N	2	b
Choshi	6 a.m.	30.74	29	77	N	4	cm
Hankow	6 a.m.	30.61	31	91	NNW	3	or
Kiukiang	"	30.54	41	92	NNW	5	ond
Shanghai	"	30.54	41	92	NNW	5	ond
Swatow	6 a.m.	30.34	60	83	NW	1	or
Taihou	5 a.m.	30.21	—	—	N	0	b
Taipei	"	30.21	—	—	N	0	b
Taiwan	"	30.19	—	—	N	0	b
Koshan	"	30.22	—	—	N	0	b
Beasores	"	30.26	59	94	N	1	f
Canton	9 a.m.	30.26	63	93	N	4	o
Hongkong	"	30.26	63	93	N	4	o
Yokohama	"	30.21	—	—	NNW	5	b
Yokohama	"	30.24	65	—	NNW	4	of
Wuchow	9 a.m.	30.24	65	—	NNW	4	of
Haihow	"	30.21	—	—	NNW	5	b
Pakhoi	"	30.15	68	—	N	2	db
Phallien	8 a.m.	30.15	68	—	N	2	db
Tourane	"	30.13	77	—	NE	3	o
C. St. James	"	30.11	70	—	NE	2	o
Apurri	10 a.m.	30.11	82	71	ENE	0	d
Manila	6 a.m.	30.04	77	—	NE	2	b
Laysan	9 a.m.	30.05	85	—	N	2	b
Basolod	"	29.97	85	—	N	1	b
Ulu	"	29.97	85	—	N	1	b
Labuan	"	29.97	85	—	N	1	b

F. G. Fieger, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, December 21st, 1911.

1 BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 DIRECTION OF WIND, in two points.

5 FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale.

6 STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloom, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet), x rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 21st

From 22nd to 23rd December, 1911.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Days of Week	Days of Month	H'kong Mean Time	Height	H'kong Mean Time	Height
Fri.	22	11 02 a	4 3	11 44 a	1 2
Sat.	23	10 51 a	4 3	11 33 a	3 8
Sun.	24	10 41 a	4 3	11 23 a	3 9
Mon.	25	10 31 a	4 3	11 13 a	3 9
Tues.	26	10 21 a	4 3	11 03 a	4 3
Wed.	27	10 11 a	4 3	10 53 a	4 6
Thurs.	28	10 01 a	4 3	10 43 a	4 6

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SHIPPING

ARRIVAL.
 BENLICH, British str., 2,679, MacMillan, 21st Dec.—Singapore 22nd Dec. General.
 Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 DEYANHA, British str., 4,785, W. R. F. Hickey, 21st Dec.—Bombay 6th Dec. Mails and General.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.
 JAGUAR, German gunboat, 950, Vanschow, 20th Dec.—from Pakhoi.
 KONGHONG, British str., 1,535, Wright, 20th Dec.—Shanghai and Swatow 19th Dec. General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 MERLIN, British str., 1,417, B. O. M. Davis, 21st Dec.—Labuan 14th Dec.
 RAKROSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,343, M. Matsuda, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 16th Dec. Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 SANABAO, British str., 3,318, N. MacDonald, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 15th Dec. Korosen oil—Standard Oil Co.
 SHUNTEIN, British str., 1,081, Heppell, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec. Beans—Butterfield & Swire.
 WINGANG, British str., 1,027, Lishman, 21st Dec.—Wakamatsu 5th Dec. Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 YONE, Japanese gunboat, 1,300, Yamaguchi, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 23rd Dec.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office, 21st December.
 Druf, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
 Lucanora, German str., for Saigon.
 Ni Ma Ma, Japanese str., for Australia.
 Nippon Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES

21st December.
 CHINHUA, British str., for Shanghai.
 DEYANHA, British str., for Shanghai.
 GREGORY ARK, British str., for Singapore.
 HANSEN, British str., for Swatow.
 HANSEN, French str., for Hongkong.
 HIRAKO MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.
 SHOGA, German str., for Shanghai.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. *Perla* from San Francisco was dispatched from Yokohama on the 19th inst., and is due to arrive here on the 27th inst.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. *Korea* sailed from San Francisco December 6th for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due here on January 2nd.
 The P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. *Siberia* sailed from San Francisco on the 19th inst. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive here on the 19th prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
 The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Sydney on the 16th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 8th prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
 The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver, B.C., for Hongkong (via usual ports of call) at a.m. on the 14th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
 The I.G.M. str. *Bacon*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 29th ult., left Colombo on the 17th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 23th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
 The N.Y.K. str. *Tamba Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 15th inst., and is expected here on the 24th inst.

The A. & M. Line str. *Kioto* left Suva on the 18th inst., and is due here on or about the 22th inst.

The S. S. *Canton* consigned to Olof Wijk & Co. left Suva on the 4th inst. and is expected here on or about the 2nd of January next.

The T.K.K. str. *Shinyo Maru* sailed from San Francisco on the 15th inst. for Hongkong, and is due at Hongkong on the 9th prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Kyo Maru* sailed from Salina Cruz on the 12th inst. for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 3rd February.

PASSED THE CANAL.

December 1st—*Dandana*, *Fanagana*, *Maru*, *Nyanga*, *Silva*, *Sunaira*, *Aito*, 5th—*Ayagawa*, *Dehaneva*, *Buelow*, *Canton*, *Inverclyde*, *Fadhing*, *Pathan*, *Annam*, 8th—*Ajaz*, *Bayer*, *Candic*, *Kaga*, *Maru*, 12th—*Carman*, *Thenshite*, *Jesovic*, *Mulla*, *Tango*, *Maru*, *Nelusa*, 15th—*Belgravia*, *Ka a Maru*, *Salsuma*, *Telemaque*, *Welsh Prince*, *Yorok*, 19th—*Ambria*, *Bendorn*, *Himalaya*, *Janfa*, *Scotia*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Dec. 19th—*Dundee*, *Senegambia*.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's

2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier

3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard

4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	HIMALAYA	Brit. str.	—	D. C. Gregor, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	DENEGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.	Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 10th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEBIA	Brit. str.	—	E. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Stohr	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 16th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SPESIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Paas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 18th Feb.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Maass	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 7th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	DORTMUND	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bolitt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 13th Jan.
HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SILSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Reuss	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 2nd Feb.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bach	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 3rd Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Peterson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Deinat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 23rd Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN &c.	CHICAGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAMBA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Noda	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan., at 11 a.m.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KLEIST	Aus. str.	—	L. Maass	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
BOSTON & NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INDRAVELLI	Am. str.	—	Parvick	SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.	To-day, at Noon.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	DACRE CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	W. Davison	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Ltd.	About 26th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 12th Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	—	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC E. Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, B.C. & SEATTLE & PORTLAND, &c.	SUEBIC	Brit. str.	—	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC E. Co.	On 27th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	KOREA	Am. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 9th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 12th Jan., at 1 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PERSEA	Brit. str.	—	M. Yagi	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	NILKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	L. Dawson	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 5th Jan., at 1 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	Loes	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 30th inst., at 10 a.m.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAMBO MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., a.m.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	H. Bremer	MELCHERS & Co.	About 9th Jan.
JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. J. Scholte	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Feb., at Noon
SHANGHAI	HUICHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at M'night
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Wm. Lloyd Jones	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BUELOW	Ger. str.	—	H. Formes	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	FOCKSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. A. Mitchell	MELCHERS & Co.	About 28th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NYANZA	Brit. str.	—	H. N. Rivers, R.N.R.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon
SHANGHAI	LIYAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. C. Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 29th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SILSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Solmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	On 30th inst., at M'night
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	—	OLOF WIK & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	YEDDO	Dut. str.	—	—	OLOF WIK & Co., Ltd.	About 7th Feb.
SHANGHAI	DAIHIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	Bouman	JATA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
TAMSU VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SOSU MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at 10 a.m.
AMOY VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LUCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. Baldoyle	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 10 a.m.
AMOY VIA SWATOW & AMOY	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Roach	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Pasmore	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.	On 24th inst., at 11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.	On 25th inst., at 11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Pennelather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Loak	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA	RUEN	Brit. str.	—	S. Crosby	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 30th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA, MANGARIA, ILOILO & CEBU	KUMBU	Brit. str.	—	G. B. McGILL	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	On 3rd Jan.
MANILA, MANGARIA, ILOILO & CEBU	TAIBORN	Dut. str.	—	M. C. Smith	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 10th Jan., at 4 p.m.
BATAVIA, CHERBON, SAMARANG &c.	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	V. Zwart	JATA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Noma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradely	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	BOBNO	Ger. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	SI-KIANG	Frco. str.	—	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Jan.
KWANG CHOW WANG & HAIPHONG	—	—	—	E. de Catalano	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 3rd Jan., at 9 a.m.

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NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND BREMEN	"KLEIST"	15,900	Wedday, 27th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	"BUELOW"	16,900	About 28th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, SAMAR, RAU, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	6,000	Saturday, 30th Dec., at 10 a.m.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	6,100	About 9th Jan.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN	"BORNEO"	5,000	Middle of January.

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (NYANZA)	Capt. H. N. Rivers, R.N.R.	About 29th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PE, NANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	Capt. R. A. Peters, R.N.R.	About 10th Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1911.

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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, THURS. DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
AMOI, SHANGHAI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"LUCHOW"	On 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HUIHOW"	On 23rd Dec., Midnight
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 28th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 30th Dec., Midnight

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 23rd Dec., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KUNSHING"	Wednesday, 27th Dec., D'light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Thursday, 28th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and MOJI	"TOOKANG"	Friday, 29th Dec., Noon.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 30th Dec., Noon.
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STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Roach	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 11 A.M.
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 26th Dec., at 11 A.M.
"HAIVANJ"	Capt. J. W. Evans	THURSDAY, 28th Dec., at 11 A.M.

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S.S. SILESIA ... 1st Jan.	S.S. BRASILIA ... 7th Jan.
S.S. AMERICA ... 15th Jan.	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. GOLDENFELS ... 24th Jan.	S.S. DORTMUND ... 13th Jan.
S.S. FUEVIA ... 8th Feb.	FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. FUERTBUELOW ... 20th Feb.	S.S. EGOVIA ... 23rd Jan.
S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 1st Mar.	FOR HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:
S.S. SACHSEN ... 18th Mar.	S.S. SAMBIA ... 3rd Feb.
S.S. C. FERD. LAEISZ ... 3rd April.	FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:
	S.S. SAXONIA ... 16th Feb.
	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
	S.S. AMERICA ... 18th Feb.
	FOR ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:
	S.S. SPEZIA ... 27th Feb.

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DATE OF SAILING:
FRIDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
FRIDAY, 19th Jan., Noon 1912
FRIDAY, 16th Feb., 1912.

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"BUYO MARU" 10,500 TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
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ANPING VIA SWATOW and AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WEDDAY, 27th Dec., at 10 A.M.

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HIMALAYA ...	7000	February 17	MACEDONIA	10530	March 16	March 22
DELHI	8000	March 2	MOREA	11000	March 30	April 5
INDIA	8000	March 16	Through Steamer		April	April 19
DEVANHA ..	8000	March 30	MOLDAVIA ..	11000	April 27	May 3
DELTA	8000	April 13	MALDJA	12500	May 11	May 17
ASSAYE	7500	April 27	MONGOLIA ..	10000	May 25	May 31
DELHI	8000	May 11	MALWA	11000	June 8	June 14

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.	
FARES TO LONDON:	
1st SALOON	\$71.00 SINGLE, \$106.14 RETURN.
2nd	\$49.00 " " " " " "
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PROPOSED SAILINGS:	

STEAMERS	Leave	Due
HONGKONG	LONDON	
Steamer	Tonnage	about
NYANZA	7000	February 7
NILE	7000	March 6
NUBIA	6000	April 3
SUMATRA	5000	April 17
NAMUR	7000	May 1
PALAWAN	5000	May 15
BORNEO	5000	May 29
SYRIA	7000	June 12
NORE	7000	June 26

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES	
FARES TO LONDON:	
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SUEZ and PORT SAID

↑ KAWACHI MARU

Capt. H. Petersen,

7,700

{ FRIDAY, 22nd
Dec.

KITANO MARU

Capt. F. E. Cope,

9,000

{ WEDDAY, 3rd
Jan., at Daylight.

IYO MARU

Capt. R. Takeda,

7,000

{ WED'DAY, 17th
Jan., at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. and
SEATTLE via SHANGHAI,
MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI,
and YOKOHAMA

↑ TAMBA MARU

Capt. K. Noda,

7,000

{ TUESDAY, 2nd
Jan., at Noon.

AWA MARU

Capt. T. Iizawa,

7,000

{ TUESDAY, 30th
Jan., at Noon.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE

↑ KAMAKURA MARU

Capt. B. Kon,

7,000

{ SATURDAY, 30th
Dec., from Kobe

SYDNEY and MELBOURNE,
VIA MANILA, THURSDAY
ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE
and BRISBANE

NIKKO MARU

Capt. M. Yagi,

6,000

{ FRIDAY, 22nd
Dec., at Noon.

KUMANO MARU

Capt. M. Winkler,

6,000

{ FRIDAY, 19th
Jan., at Noon

BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE,
and COLOMBO

↑ BOMBAY MARU

Capt. Noma,

5,000

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TANGO MARU	8,000	K. Kawa	February 14th.
KAMO	9,000	F. L. Sommer	February 28th.
AKI	7,000	K. Homma	March 13th.
MISHIMA	9,000	A. C. Moses	March 27th.
KAGA	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI	9,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	February 27th.
TAMBA	7,000	K. Noda	March 26th.
SANUKI	7,000	—	April 9th.
AWA	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
INABA	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

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